

Virkon S turns 40!

Disinfectant successfully used for four decades in stable hygiene and disease control

Cologne, March 11, 2026 – Four decades of service to animal health: Virkon S from LANXESS celebrates its anniversary! Since its market launch in 1986, the specialty chemicals company's disinfectant has established itself as the standard in livestock biosecurity, promoting animal health and combating animal diseases worldwide.

Its track record is impressive: Virkon S has been tested effective on over 230 microorganisms. This includes more than 100 virus strains in 34 virus families, more than 90 bacterial strains, and over 40 fungal and yeast strains. In recent decades, the product has been used successfully to contain Avian Influenza, African Swine Fever, Vesicular Swine Disease, and Foot-and-Mouth Disease, among others.

Virkon S also enjoys a high level of trust at the government level worldwide. Authorities in numerous countries have included it in their programs as the disinfectant of choice in their emergency plans for combating animal diseases outbreaks.

Produced in Sudbury, UK, Virkon S is currently available in over 80 countries. This is because LANXESS has continuously obtained further approvals for the product – both in terms of the countries in which it is distributed and the areas of application, i.e., the animal diseases it can be used to combat.

A key advantage of Virkon S is its fast action: The broad-spectrum virucidal disinfectant kills viruses and bacteria within seconds or minutes.

The product is also easy to use and highly versatile, with approvals for a wide range of applications supporting critical animal hygiene activities. In many markets, it is approved for the disinfection of animal drinking water. It helps farmers to maintain daily hygiene, and to respond quickly to sudden disease outbreaks.

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“Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Virkon S continues to offer a proven and broad-spectrum effectiveness. Our mission remains unchanged: We want to safeguard animal health and support livestock producers to overcome biosecurity challenges”, says Stefanie Gschwandner, Head of Market Segment LANXESS Biosecurity Solutions. “We aim to effectively combat current and future disease outbreaks and prevent their spread”.

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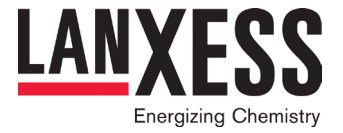
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